Financial bungling in purchase of Phenyl in Super Bazar

688. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been financial bungling in the purchase of phenyl and other consumer items at Super Bazar, New Delhi; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that both Super Bazar and Kendriya Bhandar were purchasing the same brands of phenyl from the same suppliers or manufacturers at different rates; if so, the reason therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that Super Bazar was also selling these items at prices which were considerably higher than those at Kendriya Bhandar; if so, the reasons therefor: and

(d) whether Government have taken any steps to enquire into the above mentioned deviations in the functioning of Super Bazar and Kendriya Bhandar and if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI A. K. ANTONY) : (a) Super Bazar has reported that there has been no financial bungling in purchase of Phenyl and other consumer items.

(b) Super Bazar has reported that they are buying the following brands of phenyl direct from the manufacturers and the rates at which both Super Bazar and Kendriya Bhandar have purchased the same brand of Phenyl from same suppliers are given below :—

(5 Lt. Pack)

Brand Name	Super Bazar	Kendriya Bhandar
Bengal Chemicals	147.58	147.58
Trishul	122.20	122.20
Tiger	119.15	119.15
Rose Brand	109.50	109.00

while registering any supplier, Super Bazar takes an undertaking that it shall not supply to any Organisation at rate lower than agreed for Super Bazar. In case of Rose Brand Phenyle when it came to notice of Super Bazar that the Supplier M/s Janta Soap Factory is making supplies to Kendriya Bhandar at lower rate than the one agreed for Super Bazar; its supply was immediately discontinued & all other items including Rose Brand Phenyle being supplied by M/s Janta Soap Factory delisted for inventory.

(c) Super Bazar and Kendriya Bhandar are two different registered cooperative societies and their policies are determined by their rsespective Board of Directors. Super Bazar has its own price structure and is not guided by the prices fixed by the Kendriya Bhandar.

(d) The Government, as a policy, does not interfere in day-to-day working of these institutions.